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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SALE OF AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ

1. EMBASSY KUWAIT COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM WILLIAM MCLOOF, OF AVIQUIPO, 165 CHUBB AVE., LINDHURST, N.J. INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBLE SALE OF AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT WHICH IS MANUFACTURED BY AVIQUIPO. MCCLOOF HAS BEEN CONTACTED SEVERAL TIMES BY KUWAITI RESIDENT JAMAL SAMERAI REGARDING LARGE TENDER--MORE THAN \$5 MILLION--FOR ALL TYPES AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CRANES, AMBULANCES, REFUELING TRUCKS, TOW MOTORS. SAMERAI HAS NOT RPT NOT TOLD MCCLOOF WHERE TENDER ORIGINATES AND AVIQUIPO WOULD PREFER MORE INFO BEFORE PROCEEDING.

2. GOOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT TENDER CAME FROM IRAQ SINCE SAMERAI IS IRAQI NATIONAL WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY KUWAIT FOR HIS ACTIVE PURSUIT OF TENDERS ORIGINATING IN BAGHDAD. EMBASSY KUWAIT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT SAMERAI TO CONFIRM THIS. WOULD APPRECIATE IF USINT BAGHDAD COULD CHECK INTO THIS AND, IF TENDER DOES EXIST, ADVISE ON BEST PROCEDURE FOR AVIQUIPO.

3. CHECK WITH KUWAITI AIR FORCE AS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF TENDER PROVED NEGATIVE. ONLY REMAINING POSSIBILITY IN KUWAIT IS KUWAIT NATIONAL AIRPORT AND EMBASSY IS CHECKING THIS ALSO.
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